

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## TOWN AND COUNTRY

### About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Dahlia bulbs for sale by Miss Sarah Moss, phone 33.

New cabbage and Bermuda onions at The Home Store.

J. M. Kerr of Forker has invested in a Nash Six touring car, bought last Friday.

Neff's wrapped bread fresh each day. 3 loaves for 25 cents at The Home Store.

Regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors at Woodman hall on Friday afternoon of this week at 2:30.

Lost, in Laclede Tuesday evening, lady's black kid glove trimmed in white. Finder please notify this office.

Mary Miles Minter, a favorite with Laclede movie patrons, will be seen at the local theatre Saturday night.

Rains are causing weeds to get a start. We still have a few garden plows left at \$4.25 each at The Home Store.

The Andrew Broom Company of Chillicothe is represented among the new advertisers in this paper today. This is one of the largest broom factories in the state.

Flies are coming. Screen wire don't cost any more today than it will six months from now so you better cover your screens at once. We have both black and Pearl. The Home Store.

W. P. Bottiger came in last Friday from Kansas to visit his daughter, Mrs. Shelby Cross and family, on route two. Mr. Bottiger formerly lived in Laclede and was street commissioner here at one time.

The Laclede Co-operative Company is in the market for wool and is prepared to pay the highest market price. Wool sacks on hand for the use of customers or for sale. See them or phone for prices before selling your clip.

Mrs. J. E. Fletcher returned yesterday from an extended visit in Washington, California and Colorado and was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Furman, who formerly lived here but has been gone for more than thirty years.

Mike Deloughery of Bedford, father of the young man who committed suicide while sitting in his car a mile east of Laclede last March, was here on business Wednesday. He says nothing has developed in the neighborhood that would throw any light on the mystery surrounding his son's actions.

The many friends of Mrs. C. C. Bigger are glad to know she is rapidly recovering from the serious operation she underwent at a Kansas City hospital four weeks ago. She was able to return home on Thursday night of last week and is gaining nicely and has every prospect of enjoying good health again soon.

It will not be long now until an aeroplane will attract no more attention than a passing automobile along the Pershing Transport Route. One passed over Thursday evening and another Sunday morning, both going west. The army boys who are used to seeing them fly judged they were about 2000 feet in the air.

## War Statistics

Mrs. E. C. Spokesfield has received from her son, Herbert, who is in the ambulance section of the 89th division in France, a most interesting table of war statistics. It gives the name and number of every combat division, the date of its arrival in France, place of activities, the number of prisoners and guns taken, the advance made and number of casualties.

From this table it appears that the heaviest fighting was done by the regular army, the first division of which took part in the greatest number of engagements and suffered the heaviest losses. This division arrived in France June 27, 1917, was engaged in seven sectors and is now the army of occupation. It advanced 51 kilometers, took 165 officers, 6304 men, and its losses were 2303 killed in action, 1050 died of wounds, 1789 missing in action, 106 prisoners. Total casualties, 5248. This division stands at the head of the list.

The 35th division, made up of Missouri and Kansas national guards in which there were a number of Laclede boys, arrived in France May 11, 1918, was engaged in Wesserling, Gerardmer, Meuse-Argonne and Somme Dieue. It captured 13 officers, 764 men, 24 pieces of artillery, 85 machine guns, and advanced 12½ kilometers. Its losses were 596 killed in action, 217 died of wounds, 808 missing in action, 112 taken prisoners. Total casualties, 1733.

The 89th division in which there were also some Laclede soldiers, arrived in France June 21, 1918, was engaged in four sectors, and stands second in the number of prisoners taken. It captured 192 officers, 4869 men, 127 pieces of artillery, 455 machine guns and advanced 36 kilometers. Only 4 of its men were taken prisoners. Its total casualties were 1525.

The 92nd, the colored division, arrived in France June 19, 1918, was engaged in the St. Die sector, and its total casualties were 211.

The total casualties of all combat divisions is 27,763 killed in action; 11,396 died of wounds; 14,649 missing in action; 2,785 taken prisoners; total, 56,592.

## Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises of the Laclede high school were held at the opera house on Thursday evening of last week. There was a short program of vocal and instrumental music and Rev. Dr. English delivered an eloquent address.

Miss Trippeer, superintendent, made an appropriate address to the class and delivered diplomas to the following graduates: Misses Frances Lamme, Nora Wade and Amber Montgomery, and Loren Potter, Jesse Sharp, Myron Peacher, Cecil Barton, Ross Welsh and Bloyce Deininger. All non-resident pupils.

The eighth grade exercises were held in the park Friday in connection with the basket dinner. There was a large attendance and it was a fitting finale to a most successful school year.

## Good Positions

Reliable young men and women can secure good working positions with the Brown Shoe Factory, at Brookfield, Missouri. Call on or write Geo. W. Bailey, Solicitor, Brookfield, Missouri.

Campbell's cakes 15 cents each Saturday at The Home Store.

## ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

### Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

The Grand Army veterans of Laclede will observe Memorial Day this year as has been their custom since the post was established here. The sermon will be preached at the Methodist church next Sunday morning by Rev. Layton and the usual decoration services will be held Friday.

H. E. Brenner, local dealer for the Elgin Six, was in Kansas City last week and on Friday drove home one of the latest models of that popular and dependable car. This year's model has many new features and is considered as nearly perfect as any car on the market. It is a high quality car at medium price, the light six, five passenger, selling at \$1540.00. It is certainly one of the classiest cars ever shown here.

H. M. Bartimus, proprietor of Cedar Lawn Poultry Farm, was a pleasant business visitor to this office Saturday. Mr. Bartimus says he got splendid results from his advertisement in this paper, getting all the orders for White Leghorn eggs he could fill. Having taken a university course on the raising and handling of poultry and making it a special business he is certainly an interesting talker on the subject and we enjoyed his visit.

A. P. Higgins last Saturday sold his 1000 acre farm four miles southwest of Laclede to Ben Broyles of Chillicothe, the transfer to be made next March. There are five sets of improvements on the farm. While the price was not officially given out it is understood to be \$80.00 per acre. Mr. Higgins gets the income from the property this year. It is a fine stock farm, most of it however, being bottom land. It was a fine investment but Mr. Higgins sold to escape the task of looking after it.

The railroad company had two cars of cement curbing blocks unloaded here Saturday to be used in enlarging the brick platform and extending it along the K. C. track to facilitate the handling of the transfer business. This business has increased until the passenger trains are delayed here from 10 to 20 minutes every day. Seven big express trucks are now in use at the station and two more have been ordered. The transfer business here is heavier than at any other station between Kansas City and Quincy.

The heaviest rain that has visited this section for several years came Sunday night and Monday. It began raining Sunday night about 9 o'clock and kept it up until Monday afternoon, and a great deal of the time it not only rained but poured. Many claim as much as four inches of water fell. After it had rained several hours the wind came up and did much damage to wheat, especially where it was rank, leveling it to the ground. Several trees were blown down about town and limbs and leaves were scattered everywhere. The ground got a thorough soaking.

## Missionary Meeting

Miss Edith Hamilton was hostess to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on Thursday of last week. The president being absent the vice president, Mrs. Harry Landree, presided. The regular lesson was omitted and Mrs. L. E. Hamilton gave a review of the World Outlook and Mrs. Ralph Neal told of different way of using the mystery box. Mrs. F. W. Burke invited the society to her home for the June meeting which will be the regular quarterly meeting. At the close the hostess served delicious refreshments. The out of town guests were Mrs. Ralph Neal of Linneus and Mrs. Novie Randall of Hannibal.

## Birthday Surprise

Miss Gretna Spokesfield was pleasantly surprised at her home Friday evening by a number of her friends of classes 17 and 6 of the M. E. Sunday school. Those present were Misses Ellen Garside, Lillian Sensittaffar, Marie Kent, Nora Wade, Bettie Anderson, Orlyva Anderson, Mrs. Carlos Anderson, Mrs. Elmer Kling, and Messrs. Loren Potter, Paul Carothers, Lee Landree, Raymond Garside, Elmer Kling, Carlos Anderson, Lee Willard, Floyd Welsh, Harold Casteel, Gene Anderson, Clifford Shell, Maurice Johnson and Thomas Wade. A most enjoyable evening was spent, delicious refreshments being served at a late hour. The occasion was in honor of Miss Spokesfield's nineteenth birthday.

## Revival Meetings

The revival meeting now in progress at the Methodist church, started off last Sunday night with a crowded house. In the audience was noticed people from Linneus, Purdin, Brookfield and Forker and many from the country districts. Evangelist Johnson from Texas led the singing and Rev. Layton preached a fine sermon. Services each evening throughout the week but rainy weather and bad roads cut the attendance somewhat. No services Saturday evening.

Rev. Layton's subject for tonight, Friday, is "Nuts for Skeptics to Crack."

Sunday morning is Memorial services for the Grand Army veterans.

Sunday night, "Sowing and Reaping."

Monday, "What is a Christian?"

Tuesday, "The Meanest Man in the Community."

Wednesday, "The New Birth."

Thursday, "Guard Your Rath-ers."

Friday, "How to be Saved."

These are all important subjects and will be ably discussed by the pastor. Services begin each evening at 8:30.

## Co-Ops. to Build

President L. T. Ringland, Secretary E. E. Gould, L. T. Rowland and A. M. Walker, members of the board of directors of the Laclede Co-operative Company, were in Brookfield Saturday conferring with railroad officials in regard to having a spur track laid to the grain house the Laclede company is soon to begin work on. The railroad engineer was here a few days before and made the survey.

Kyanize varnish makes old things look like new. We have it in ½ pint and quart cans at The Home Store.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

### Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

A. J. Havens was in Browning Wednesday.

S. L. McGarraugh made a business trip to Linneus Tuesday.

Edward and Fred Anderson left Tuesday to spend a few weeks with relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. W. R. Barton left Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Hatcher and family at Bedford, Iowa.

Dr. H. S. Brevoort, a prominent physician of Hutchinson, Kans., was the guest of Miss Helga Jaspersen, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Randall and little son returned to their home at Hannibal Sunday after a few days visit here with relatives and friends.

O. A. Talbott of Keokuk, Iowa, head of the Talbott grain company, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his brother, C. B. Talbott and family.

Mrs. Z. R. Wall and little son went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend a week with Mr. Wall who is now traveling out of Kansas City.

Rev. J. W. Anderson came down from Keokuk Monday to spend a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bemrose at their home southeast of Laclede.

Mrs. John Murphy went to Novinger Tuesday, taking home her two little granddaughters, Isabelle and Dorothy Kephart, who spent the winter here attending school.

After spending a couple of weeks with her mother in Linneus, Miss Minnie Trippeer, superintendent of the Laclede schools, will go to Chicago to take a course at the University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lomax were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lomax in Brookfield Wednesday evening, attending commencement exercises of the Brookfield high school, their granddaughter, Miss Laura Dale Lomax being a member of the senior class.

Mrs. E. K. Welsh returned home Saturday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jones and family at Chillicothe, and attending the graduating exercise of the Chillicothe public schools, her granddaughter, Margurete Jones, being an eighth grade graduate.

Circuit Clerk and Mrs. H. H. Lamb of Linneus were guests over Sunday at the home of Miss Ellen and O. Y. Watson south of Laclede. It was in this neighborhood that Mr. and Mrs. Lamb began their married life and lived for a number of years and they count it a delightful privilege to make at least one visit a year to the old neighbors in the vicinity of their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones spent last week visiting their three sons, Geo. and family north of Meadville, Leonard and family at Tina and J. B. and family at Chillicothe. At the latter place they attended commencement exercises of the public schools, their granddaughter, Margurete Jones, being one of a class of 70 to graduate from the eighth grade. She accompanied them home for a visit.